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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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**Indian Gaming; Approval of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact Amendment in the State of Washington**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the approval of the Sixth Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Nooksack Indian Tribe and the State of Washington.

**APPLICABLE DATE:** [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary – Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. As required by 25 CFR § 293.4, all

compacts and amendments are subject to review and approval by the Secretary. The Amendment prohibits cash dispensing machines at the Tribe's gaming facilities from accepting Electronic Benefits Cards, increases the Tribe's allocation of Player Terminals, specifies the calculation and payment of regulatory reimbursement costs to the State, and allocates funds to alleviate problem gambling and encourage smoking cessation and prevention. The Amendment also incorporates as part of the compact Appendix X2 Addendum Tribal Lottery System Terminal Allocations, which governs the total number of available Tribal Lottery Terminals, provides procedures for increasing the available allocations, and outlines dispute resolution procedures relating to the number of Tribal Lottery Terminals. The Amendment is approved.

Dated: December 14, 2018.

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